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TODAY'S WEATHER—Fair and probably warmer; northerly winds.

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THE CASE SIMPLY STATED.

Attempting to reply to a statement that appeared in The Oregonian, the Eugene Guard says:

Let us call attention to some indisputable facts. The Philippines had before this been a Spanish possession. When Dewey destroyed the Spanish fleet before that city and obtained the surrender of the forts throughout Spanish central Luzon, the case came to an end. The Philippine title...

First, let us say that the facts stated are not indisputable. They are not facts at all. They are not truth, but actions to truth opposite. The Guard of course never has paid any attention to the report of the Philippine Commission. It never has examined the statements of Admiral Dewey, Colonel Demby, Dr. Worcester, or any authority that could give information at first hand.

There was no war in the Philippines when Dewey came. There had been an insurrection—not for independence, but for reforms. Spanish troops were sent to suppress the rebellion, partly by fighting, partly by promising the reforms, and partly by bringing Aguinaldo and other leading "patriots," with heavy sums of money, to leave the islands. War broke out between Spain and the United States.

THE PERMANENT IN LITERATURE. The English critic, Henley, speaks a word of truth when in defense of Byron's heroines he says they are not remote from reality or less interesting than Tennyson's "faintly smiling Adeline," or his "May Queen," with her consumptive cough, and further says:

Two SEPARATE SPHERES. Human achievement, like everything else in the world, is beset by many snares of chance and circumstance. Some accident of heredity, or early environment, or early reading, may make or mar the career of the phenomenal mind.

THE GREAT INQUIRY. "We have not only to account for the origin of religion in rude minds, but for its persistence in the cultivated. A sufficient explanation of this may perhaps be found in the small limits of a certain knowledge and the boundlessness of his desire to know. Human existence is girt around with mystery; the narrow region of our experience is a small island in the midst of a boundless sea, which at once awes our feelings and stimulates our imagination by its vastness and obscurity."

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MASTERPIECES OF LITERATURE.

Passages from Whitman's "Snow Bound"—Perhaps the Greatest American Poem.

The sun that brief December day / Rose cheerless over hills of snow. / As I sat in my room, the window-pane / Was white with frost; upon the pane / A ladder-like thin rind of ice / Slow tracing down the thickening sky / Its mate and ominous brother.

Unwarned by any sunset light / The gray day darkened into night. / The setting sun was all behind / And white-drifts of the blinding storm. / As signs waving to and fro / Crossed and recrossed the whirled snow. / And that the snow-drifts were so close / The white drift piled the window-pane. / And through the glass the clothes-line region / Looked in like salt and abashed ghosts. / The morning broke without a sun; / In tiny specks traced with blue / In starry blue the gossamer sign. / All day the boy's motor fell; / And, when the second morning shone, / We looked upon a world unknown. / The setting sun was all behind / Around the glistening wonder blue. / The blue walls of the firmament. / No cloud above, no earth below. / The old familiar sights of ours / Took monstrous shapes; strange stoned / Towers.

Rose and gables grey or corn-red stood / Or garden wall, or belt of wood; / A smooth white mound the brush-pile showed / A homeless drift what once was road; / The faded red of the old fence / With loose-fung coat and high-cooked hat. / The well-curb had a Chinese roof. / And even the long sweep, high aloft, / In place seemed to have been, as if / Of Pile's leaning minarets.

Shut in from all the world without. / We sat the clean-winged hearth above. / The snow-drifts piled the window-pane / In baffled rage at pane and door. / While the red logs before us beat / The frost-line back with tropic heat. / An ever, with a leader hand / Shook heads and the snow-drifts beat. / The merrier up their roaring draught / The great throat of the chimney laughed. / The fire in the grate pawed outward / Laid to the fire his forehead bare. / The cat's dark silhouette on the wall / A couchant tiger's seemed to fall; / And, for the winter breeze made / The wind in the chimney a steady beat. / The mug of beer shimmered slow. / The apples sputtered in a row. / The stove-pipe dripped, the window-pane / With nuts from brown October's wood.

What matter how the night behaved / The snow-drift piled the window-pane / Blown high, low low, not all its own. / Could quench our hearth-fire's ruddy glow. / O Time and Change—with half an eye / We saw my state of mind in a row. / How strange it seemed, with so much grace / Of life and love, to still live on / Ah, brother! only I and thou / Knocked me the snow-drifts beat. / The door home, Oliver Wendell Holmes, / That strait fluted piled and shone. / Hiccupped, listen as we will. / The snow-drift piled the window-pane / Look where we may, the wide earth's / Throes lighted faces smile no more. / We tread the paths their feet have worn. / The snow-drift piled the window-pane / We hear, like them, the hum of bees / And rustle of the bladed corn; / We turn the pages that they read. / The snow-drift piled the window-pane / We hear, like them, the hum of bees / And rustle of the bladed corn; / We turn the pages that they read.

Within our beds awhile we heard. / The wind that round the gables roared. / With now and then a ruder roar. / The snow-drift piled the window-pane / We heard the loosened clapboards' / The board-sails snapping in the front / And on us, through the unplastered wall. / The snow-drift piled the window-pane / We heard the loosened clapboards' / The board-sails snapping in the front / And on us, through the unplastered wall.

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